



## RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE COMMISSION TO SELECT A CHIEF OF POLICE BY NOVEMBER 30, 2017.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1604, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973 ("RCH"), as amended, states that the Chief of Police is responsible for the preservation of the public peace, protection of rights of persons and property, prevention of crime, detection and arrest of offenders against the law, and enforcement and prevention of violations of State laws and City ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is in charge of a work force of 2,517 employees and an operating budget of over \$259 million; and

WHEREAS, the officers and civilian employees of the Police Department work courageously and diligently to ensure that the duties of the Chief are carried out and the dedication of these employees is shown in the volume of work carried out by the Police Department in 2016:

1. Received 871,720 911 calls for service including 16 murders, 382 rapes, 836 robberies, 1,164 aggravated assaults, 3,758 burglaries, 22,488 larceny-thefts, and 4,346 motor vehicle thefts;
2. Made 20,907 arrests of adults and 3,717 arrests of juveniles;
3. Involved in 281 incidents where firearms were used and 395 incidents where knives were used; and
4. Recovered \$19,086,205 in stolen property and 2,339 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department has been operating with an Acting Chief of Police since December of 2016 when the former Chief of Police went on leave prior to his eventual retirement on February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after the departure of the former Chief, the officer and civilian employees of the Police Department have continued to perform all their duties at the highest level of professionalism ensuring that the lives and property of the city's residents and visitors are protected; and

WHEREAS, this continued level of dedication is a reflection of the experienced and committed leaders within the Department; and



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WHEREAS, Section 6-1603.1, RCH, requires that the Chief of Police be appointed by the Police Commission for a term of five years; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commission has requested applications for the Chief of Police position, received a number of applications, and has narrowed the number of candidates to 34 qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commission appears unwilling to take further actions until the Commission retains a consultant who will create tests for the 34 candidates, score the tests, and recommend the top candidates to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's belief that the selection process should be shortened by choosing the new Chief from one of the qualified leaders currently serving in the Department; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 6-1606, RCH, the Police Commission's primary duties are to review the Police Department's budget, review and approve the Department's five year plan, and to make findings regarding any charges of misconduct; and

WHEREAS, although the selection of a new Chief has been discussed at most of the recent Police Commission meetings, the Police Commission has not discussed or taken action on any matter concerning their primary duties in their last seven meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's belief that the Police Commission's apparent reluctance to fulfill its responsibility to select a new Chief in a timely manner is affecting the morale of the 2,517 employees of the Police Department and is interfering with the Commission's performance of their primary duties; and

WHEREAS, the Council will take all available actions, including a possible amendment to the City Charter, if necessary, to ensure that the Commission selects a new Chief in a timely manner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Police Commission to move expeditiously to select a new Chief of Police for the Honolulu Police Department by November 30, 2017; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Managing Director, Chair of the Honolulu Police Commission, and the Acting Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**AUG 11 2017**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers